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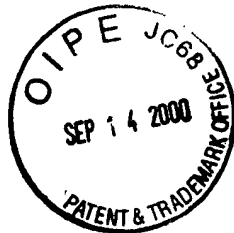
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ORGANISM-ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of
three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 19, 2000 to
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A check for the statutory fee of \$870.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees
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